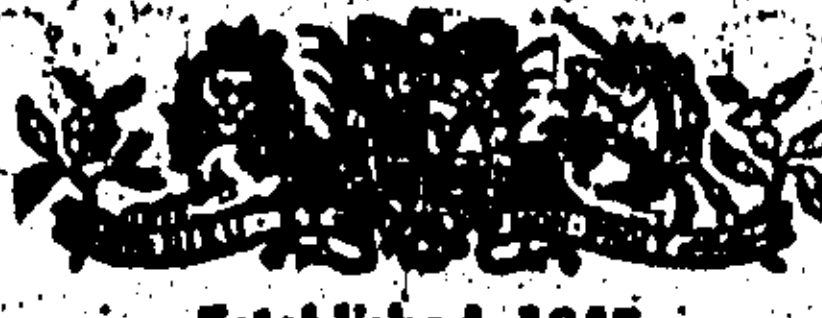


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COMMENT OF THE DAY

The Trieste Problem

THE sudden bellicose attitude of Yugoslavia to the question of Trieste is not a little puzzling. Signs earlier this year were that Italy and Yugoslavia might be able to get together and tackle the problem through diplomacy. First hopes in this direction were raised when Marshal Tito visited England last March. It was then freely stated that Tito has expressed himself as being amenable to entering into negotiations with Italy with a view to finding a solution to the Trieste conundrum. These hopes were given further impetus when Marshal Tito, upon his return, made overtures to Premier de Gasperi and both leaders expressed the opinion that it would be possible to attain an agreement. Unhappily, nothing tangible emerged from these polite exchanges, and since then the Gasperi Government has fallen and a new Administration led by Signor Pella, has come into being. Signor Pella's position is not an exceptionally strong one, and conceivably it is this factor which has tempted Yugoslavia to test his ability to withstand external pressure by broadcasting and publishing covert threats to annex Zone B of the Trieste free territory. Prime Minister Pella's reactions have been remarkably prompt and have probably surprised even Marshal Tito and his advisers. If they expected indecision on the part of Signor Pella they have been rudely awakened. Nevertheless, the situation, while potentially serious, must not be magnified out of proportion. Moderation can still be expected to triumph over passions.

It is well, however, to understand the background to the Trieste problem. The peace treaty with Italy, which brought the free territory into being, was an attempt by well-intentioned third parties to reconcile the conflicting claims in Trieste. Unfortunately the history of the territory is proof that good intentions are in this case not enough. The Governments of Britain, France, and the United States made their declaration in favour of returning Trieste to Italy a few months before Yugoslavia was expelled from the Cominform. At that time there seemed no prospect of an amicable accord between the Governments of Signor de Gasperi and Marshal Tito, much less of their ever becoming allies. Yet today Trieste is almost the only obstacle which prevents Italian participation in the Balkan pact or Yugoslav adherence to the North Atlantic treaty. It is a measure of the deep passions which Trieste stirs in both countries that, in spite of their increasingly close identity of interests, direct negotiations have so far been impossible. The current developments are anything but conducive to the prospects of Italy and Yugoslavia getting together and, through the normal channels of diplomacy, attempting to reach a settlement. On the other hand, threats of force and intimidating counter-action can yield nothing in the way of useful results. The future of Trieste can only be satisfactorily settled through amicable negotiations. The question which again arises itself is whether the United States, Britain and France can effectively use their good offices to this end. They have had little success in the past, but this knowledge must not prevent new efforts being made if there is the slightest chance of them succeeding.

Trieste Situation: Border Crossing Report Denied

NO TERRITORIAL VIOLATION BY ITALIAN TROOPS

Rome, Aug. 31.
"No Italian soldiers have crossed the frontier," an Italian Foreign Office spokesman said tonight in commenting on the Tanjug report that Italian soldiers had crossed into Yugoslavia.
He said the report was "absolutely false."
"We are not looking for trouble although we are taking good care not to be taken by surprise," the spokesman added that the Yugoslavs had "undoubtedly seen the Italian soldiers through the binoculars of their own imagination."
Earlier though Italian troops and warships were still maintained in the Northern Adriatic area the weekend flareup between Italy and Yugoslavia appeared to have subsided.

Italian newspapers, which for two days had been running the story under alarming headlines, concluded tonight that any immediate Yugoslav threat was removed by the energetic action of Signor Giuseppe Pella, the Italian Prime Minister.
Signor Pella received in succession today the British Ambassador, Sir Victor Mallet, and the Charge d'Affaires of the United States and France, Mr. Ellbridge Durbrow and M. Pierre Sebillan.
An Italian official spokesman said afterwards that Signor Pella had received "friendly communications" from the representatives of the three Western powers such as appeared to reassure the Italian Government.
At the outbreak of the latest Trieste crisis on Saturday the Prime Minister urgently called on the three chiefs of mission to draw the attention of their governments to what Italy considered a threat by Yugoslavia to annex zone "B" of the Trieste territory.
GIVEN ASSURANCES
It is assumed here that the three Western diplomats told Signor Pella today that their ambassadors in Belgrade had obtained assurances from the Yugoslav Government that it did not intend to take any dramatic action in the Trieste territory.
A Yugoslav Foreign Office spokesman said today that Yugoslavia had no intention of annexing "zone B" of the Trieste territory.
Later today Signor Pella left for four or five days' holiday at his home in northern Italy.
Observers here took his departure as another sign that Italy-Yugoslav tension was easing. It is understood, however, that Britain, the United States and France will continue to keep in touch with the Italian Government in case of further developments.—Reuter.

ALLEGED PROVOCATION
Belgrade, Aug. 31.
Belgrade Radio's Trieste correspondent reported today that Italian tanks were being paraded along the frontier to intimidate the Slovene minority in Italy.
Italy's allegations of intended Yugoslav annexation of Zone "B" were aimed at securing further concessions in Trieste from the Western powers, he added.
"Though such manoeuvres are hailed in Rome, the local population—Italian as well as Yugoslav—is annoyed by them and in no way approves of the action of the Italian Government,"—Reuter.

AWOL Charge Against Rigidan
London, Aug. 31.
Alderman Anthony Rigidan, who arrived in Britain unexpectedly on Saturday after disappearing in the Suez Canal Zone, has been formally charged with being absent without leave, the Royal Air Force said tonight.
It added that his arrest "was in accordance with normal practice pending further investigations" as he had been absent from his unit.—Reuter.

Scheme To Distribute Bibles Attached To Balloons Over Eastern Germany

Washington, Aug. 31.
A State Department spokesman said today that the office of the High Commissioner for Germany has asked the Department for instructions about a project of the International Council of Churches to float bibles attached to balloons over Eastern Germany.
The spokesman, Mr. Lincoln White, said the Council of Churches had, however, been not approached Department officials here in this subject.
When a reporter at Mr. White's Sunday press conference asked him regarding the charges by the Council in Amsterdam that the Department had refused the approval of such a project, Mr. White made this oral comment: "The Department made a thorough check of its files and found no record of any departmental decision or reply on this project. We have received a message from the office of the High Commissioner for Germany that these people have this project in mind and are asking for instructions. We are looking into the matter to determine whether this private undertaking requires United States authorization but there has been no decision. The Department, as a matter of principle, welcomes spiritual aid of any kind, including the distribution of Bible texts through appropriate channels and agencies to populations in areas deprived of religious freedom."
"We have, therefore, viewed with favour and sympathy the efforts by Western Churches to maintain spiritual contact with their brethren in the east," United Press.



These pictures of General Zehedi's coup in Persia have just arrived from London. Top shows some of the enthusiastic Shah supporters cheering the outcome of the coup. Opposite, General Zehedi, Persia's new Prime Minister pictured after he had overthrown Dr. Mossadegh.—London Express Photographs.

NY Stocks Tumble Heavy Selling

New York, Aug. 31.
Prices in the New York Stock Exchange today reached their lowest this year when millions of dollars were lost in a burst of selling.
Losses of up to two dollars (about 14 shillings) or more were suffered by shares with high-priced specialties dropping further.
Railway shares were the weakest and selling here had been particularly heavy during the last few sessions after buyers' indifference to good July earnings and dividends.
Though the drop in prices started selling to cut losses, the market was not exceptionally busy and the recording machine easily kept up with the poor trading.
At the close of the session, Wall Street had reached its lowest levels for more than 13 months.
Today's turnover at 2,100,000 shares was the largest since early June.—Reuter.

McCarthy's Trip Explained

New York, Aug. 31.
Senator Joseph McCarthy's trip to Japan, Formosa, Korea, the Philippines and the East Indies in October—as an individual, not as Chairman of the Senate Investigation Committee.
When asked the purpose of his trip, Senator McCarthy replied: "I just want to go over—just as all." He refused to elaborate.—Reuter.



Zahedi Accepts US Aid And Agrees To Resume Relations With Britain

By ARTHUR COOK
Teheran, Sept. 1.
America is to give immediate aid to Persia. The first instalment, said to be US\$30 million, should be at the disposal of the new Persian Government within three weeks.
In return, General Zehedi promised the American Ambassador, Mr. Loy Henderson, today that negotiations will begin immediately to restart diplomatic relations with Britain.
General Zehedi also promised to start talks with Britain to solve the oil argument.
Then, to prove his words, he called a meeting of the Council of Ministers to make plans to keep both these promises.
Later, General Zehedi's official Government spokesman told me: "Tonight is the turning point in Anglo-Persian relations. We want to, and will reopen negotiations very soon. We realise now we cannot build a Wall of China around Persia."
The rapid development in the Persian outlook towards Britain and America came today after over a week of talks between Zehedi and Henderson.
Throughout the whole of the talks Mr. Henderson has shown he has Britain's interest at heart just as much as if he had been working for America.
This morning Mr. Henderson, with America's Director of Point Four Aid in Persia, Mr. William Warren, drove to the Foreign Ministry for a vital meeting with General Zehedi.
Just before, Mr. Henderson had told me: "Today means everything or nothing."
The smile he gave as he left the Ministry after an hour's talk with General Zehedi showed he had succeeded after days of high pressure work.—London Express Service.

THE KOREAN CONFERENCE

Washington, Aug. 31.
The United States has invited 15 United Nations countries which contributed forces in Korea to meet tomorrow to discuss the time and place of the scheduled peace conference with the Communists.
The announcement was made by a State Department spokesman.
The Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, will represent the United States at the meeting, to be held in a conference room at the State Department.
South Korea will join the 15 United Nations members after tomorrow's session to help pick a conference site and time.
South Korea's Foreign Minister, Dr. Pyun Yung Tai, was called to the State Department today by Mr. Dulles and, informed of the meeting for tomorrow.—Reuter.

Fire Destroys Aberdeen Squatter Huts OVER 200 HOMELESS

About 50 squatter huts were destroyed by fire at Aberdeen this morning and between two and three hundred persons rendered homeless. But there were no casualties.
The fire broke out on the hillside above Old Main Street, and close to the Canossian Convent.
The alarm was raised about 9.30 and three appliances were rushed to Aberdeen. Additional police, under Mr. Woodhead, District Superintendent, Western, were also sent to the scene to maintain order.

The blaze was brought under control within an hour.
Although there were scores of women and children in the huts when the fire started, no casualties were reported. The majority of menfolk had already left their homes for work.
A report issued by the Social Welfare Office stated that as soon as the outbreak was known Social Welfare workers rushed to the scene and started screening the fire victims.
This afternoon they will issue 200 meals and will also make more food available tomorrow if necessary.
Meanwhile this morning members of the Aberdeen Kai-fong Association rendered relief assistance and started distributing Chinese cakes to the homeless.
The victims of the fire are being given temporary shelter in the playground of the Canossian Convent.

New Altitude Record

Washington, Aug. 31.
The United States Navy said today that Lieutenant Colonel Marion E. Carl, a Marine Corps pilot, had set a new altitude record of 85,235 feet in a Douglas Skyrocket research plane on August 21.
The Navy said this unofficial world record was established during a test of a newly developed high-altitude flying suit.
The previous altitude record was 79,494 feet set in the same aircraft by the Douglas test pilot, Mr. Bill Bridgman, on August 7, 1951.—Reuter.

Record Attempt Postponed

Littlehampton, Aug. 31.
Bad weather prevented Squadron Leader Neville Duke from making an attempt on the world air speed record here tonight.
The 31-year-old test pilot was forced to land shortly after taking off in his red painted Hawker Hunter jet fighter.
A spokesman for the Hawker Company said: "Squadron Leader Duke will make an attempt on the record tomorrow from Tangmere, a Royal Air Force station in Sussex."
The present world air speed record is 715.69 mph. This was accomplished on July 17 last year by Lieutenant Colonel William Barnes of the United States Air Force flying a Saboteur fighter.—China Mail Special.

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Western Reply To Russia

London, Aug. 31. The Western powers will tell Russia this week they are profoundly disappointed with Moscow's latest refusal to restart negotiations on the treaty to give Austria her freedom, authoritative sources said today.

Their comments on the Soviet boycott of the Austrian deputies' meeting they had called for today will be incorporated in the note they are sending to the Russian capital on the German question. This will invite M. Vyacheslav Molotov, Russian Foreign Minister, to a mid-October meeting of the "Big Four" in Lugano, Switzerland.

The British, French and United States deputies met at the Foreign Office today to discuss the Soviet note.

Their appreciation was later sent to their Governments for consideration.

The Allies' draft reply to Moscow's two notes on Germany this month is now being re-examined in the three capitals in the light of the comments upon it made by Dr. Konrad Adenauer, West German Chancellor.

He was consulted last week on the proposed reply drawn up by Western officials in Paris. These officials will probably meet again when their Governments have considered Dr. Adenauer's views and decided what to say about Russia's rejection of their latest proposals on Austria.

Moscow's apparent use of her agreement to an Austrian treaty as a pawn in European negotiations is deplored here.

In her note to the Western capitals the Soviet Union maintained that the Allies were still refusing to abandon the short eight-article draft Austrian treaty they proposed last year to end three years of deadlock on the original 50-article text.—China Mail Special.

Want Control Relaxed

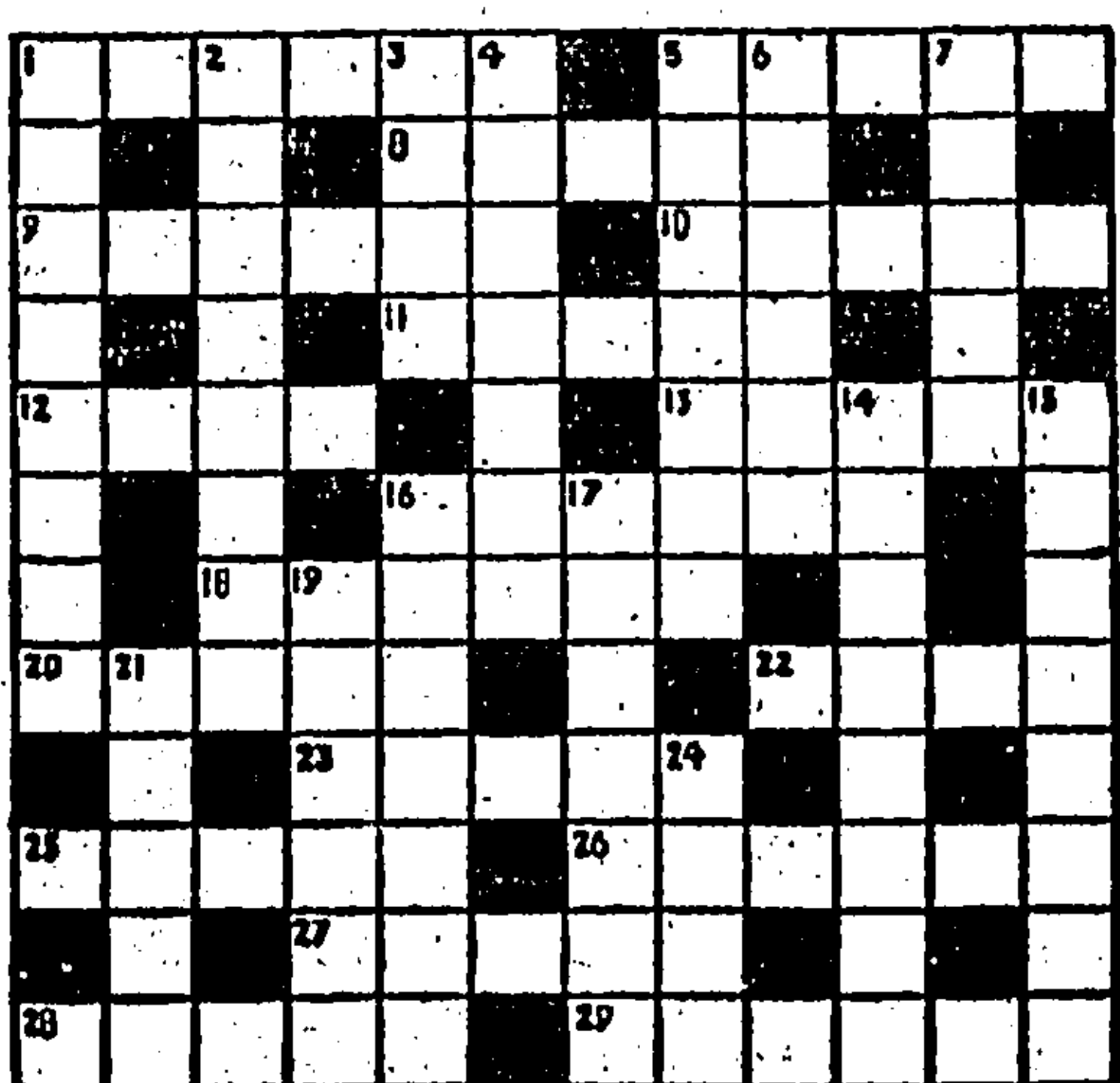
Bangkok, Aug. 31. Tin miners in Thailand have asked the Government to relax foreign exchange controls on tin exports to give relief to the mining industry.

The Thai Mining Association has asked the Government to lower the amount of foreign exchange earnings from exports that must be surrendered to the Bank of Thailand from 20 to 10 per cent.

The Association is also asking that Government royalty on tin production be lowered 50 per cent.

It was also learned that the mining industry is requesting Government assistance in purchasing cheaper rice to supply tin workers. Most tin mines in Thailand provide free food to miners.—United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- 1 Doll (6).
 - 2 Discourages (5).
 - 3 Introduction (5).
 - 4 Chinese labourer (6).
 - 5 Rustic (6).
 - 6 Carp (5).
 - 7 Plunder (4).
 - 8 Stupid (5).
 - 9 Expenditure (6).
 - 10 Dodges (6).
 - 11 Flowers (5).
 - 12 Check (4).
 - 13 Begin (5).
 - 14 Composer of marches (6).
 - 15 Idea (6).
 - 16 Went astray (5).
 - 17 Open country (6).
 - 18 Stubbled (6).
- DOWN**
- 1 Odd (6).
 - 2 Suggests (8).
 - 3 Tale of heroism (4).
 - 4 Entertained (7).
 - 5 Scoffs at (7).
 - 6 Chimes (6).
 - 7 Young bird (8).
 - 8 Studied closely (8).
 - 9 Coward (7).
 - 10 Erudite (7).
 - 11 Ship (6).
 - 12 Seaside air (5).
 - 13 Fuses (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 3 Opal, 7 Merit, 8 Evil, 9 Base, 10 Aviator, 12 Knot, 15 Tolls, 16 Head, 19 Often, 21 Chess, 22 Silk, 23 Trepid, 25 Mel, 26 Riddles, 30 Omen, 31 Liar, 33 Merry, 35 Note, 36 Down: 1 Leave, 2 Dilates, 4 Fear, 5 Lark, 6 Silo, 8 Bold, 11 Toast, 13 Nott, 14 Tint, 16 Solid, 17 Scum, 18 Hawk, 20 Middles, 22 Spin, 24 Kneel, 25 Hoari, 27 Exit, 28 Turn.

Sino-Russian Alliance Taking A New Shape

RED CHINA SAID TO BE INCREASING HER PRICE

London, Aug. 31. Red China is raising the price for her alliance with Soviet Russia and the Kremlin apparently is prepared to pay it, diplomatic sources said today.

This is the conclusion drawn in authoritative British quarters from week-end reports of a new 10-year trade and credit pact between Peking and Moscow.

It came after numerous recent indications that the roles in Sino-Russian relations are changing speedily with Russia doing the wooing.

Week-end reports reaching London said that the new trade pact is to provide Red China with Soviet heavy machinery and industrial equipment in exchange for foodstuffs, agricultural and mineral products with a Soviet loan of 5,000,000,000 roubles (about US\$3,500,000,000 at the official rate) to help finance the deal.

Little has been heard of trade arrangements between Red China and Russia. All indications were that Russia has been

Deductions For Union To Cease

Ndola, Aug. 31. Copper mining companies in Northern Rhodesia have decided to stop deducting subscriptions from the Northern Rhodesian African Mineworkers' Union from the wages of African miners.

The decision, which comes into effect on November 1, means that the Union has two months to get up its own machinery for collecting subscriptions from its 20,000 members.

In February the mining companies were told that the Union had raised its subscription from 6d a month to 1/6d. The companies said they would not collect the additional amount but would continue to collect the 6d.

Now they consider an anomalous position has arisen. They say that, assuming the subscription is now 2/6d, the 6d they are collecting is an arbitrary sum which does not suffice to maintain the membership of the individuals concerned.

It is also thought the failure of the Union to hold an annual conference in accordance with its rules might invalidate the decisions of the executive.—China Mail Special.

STILL LINKED

Russia also undertook to supply China with agricultural machinery, pedigree cattle and seeds in exchange for rice, wool, tea, tobacco, light metals and leather goods.

This was to be financed partly out of the \$300,000,000 credit extended by Russia to China in 1950.

In the absence of details and an official announcement it is not known yet whether the new trade agreement reported by British sources is an expansion of the old one or an additional pact.

But it is held to show that Red China is making increasing demands on Russia and that Russia is apparently anxious to cement the political alliance with sufficient economic promises to make it more attractive to Peking.

This does not mean that the alliance is in danger at present. Both countries are closely linked by a mutual interest and are likely to remain so for at least some time to come, in the view of British diplomats.

Nevertheless, diplomatic reports reaching London confirm that Peking has been trying to disengage itself by slow stages from the patronising grip of the Kremlin.—United Press.

S. KOREAN CLAIM TO TAKESHIMA

Tokyo, Aug. 31. The President of the South Korean National Assembly, Mr. Shin Ik Hui, declared that Takeshima Island, off Japan's Shikima Prefecture, belongs to Korea.

Meeting the press after attending a reception given in his honour by local Korean residents, President Shin declared that Japan and Korea must be bound with a spirit of mutual trust and assistance.

He said the question of the so-called "Rhee Line" should be settled through "rational" negotiations between the two countries.

Regarding Takeshima Island, one of the burning issues which seems to be blocking efforts of the South Korean and Japanese Governments to restore normal diplomatic relations, President Shin emphasised that Takeshima, which is near Utsuryo Island (Korea), definitely belongs to Korea, even from a historical point of view.

He added that the South Korean Government would buy from Japan any reconstruction materials it needs.—China Mail Special.

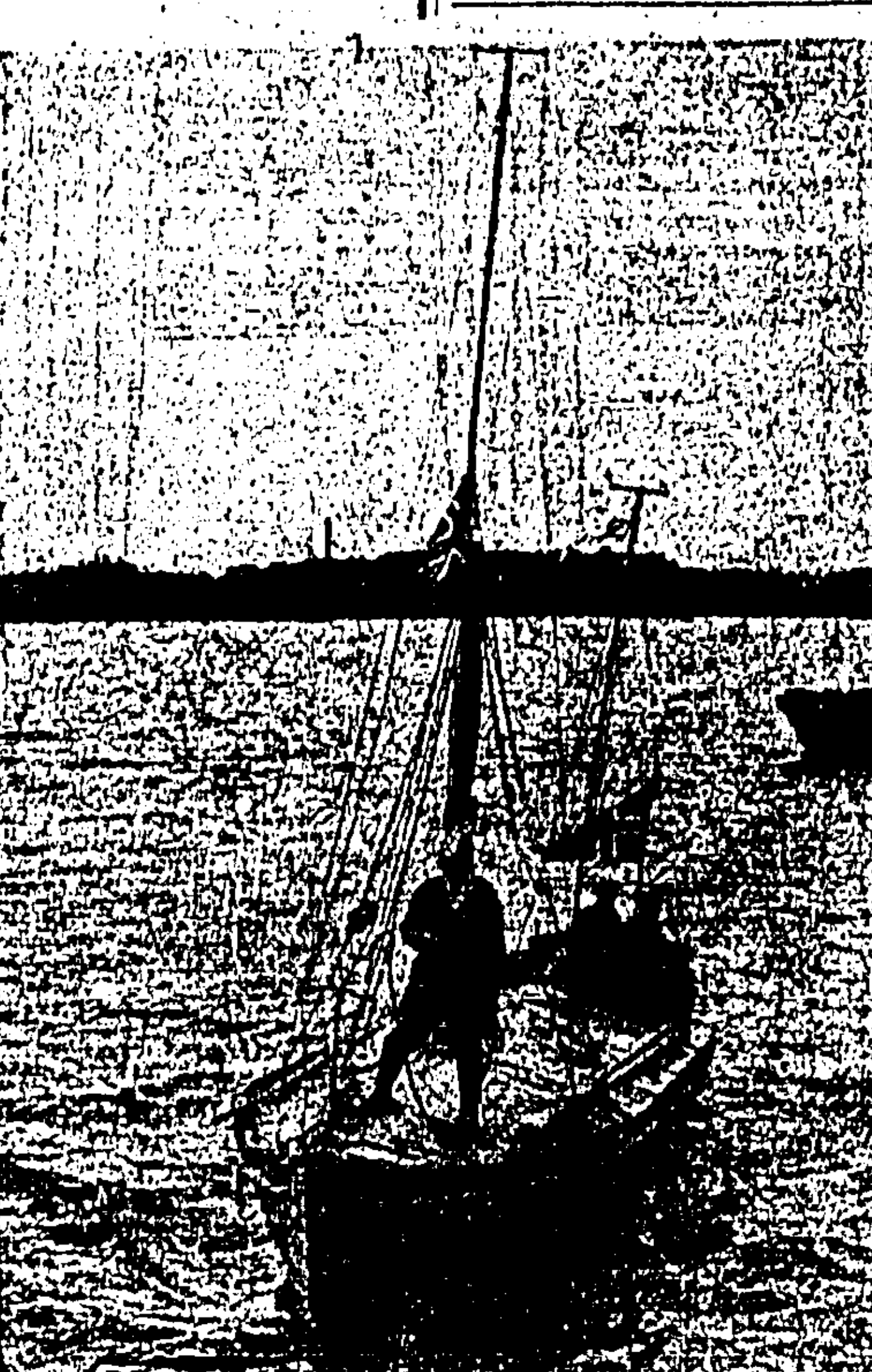
Chinese Goods For Germans

Frankfurt, Aug. 31. Special consignments of Chinese goods sent to the Leipzig Fair are now being sold in Leipzig's stores, the East German news agency, ADN, reported today.

It said large quantities of these Chinese export goods were sold, especially shirts made of Chinese cotton and poplin as well as pure silk, men's socks and scarves, embroidered ladies' blouses and silk underwear.

There was also a great demand for other Chinese products, including brocade and neckties.—Reuters.

From Norway To Wapping



Four men who have crossed the North Sea like shipwrecked mariners, to test a new type of aluminium lifeboat arrived at Wapping, London, safely after a trip of 10 days. On their journey from Norway, they existed on biscuits, tinned meat and water. Norrily, the 20 ft. 2½ ins. open lifeboat, is the first foreign lifeboat to be approved by the Ministry of Transport for British vessels. Skipper of the boat was 47-year-old Lieut. Leif Larsen, Royal Norwegian Navy, whose wartime exploits in command of the "Shetland Bus" made him famous. He made 52 trips bringing refugees from occupied Norway to Britain and returning with military supplies for his beleaguered compatriots.—Express Photo.

Political Turmoil Turns Cyprus Into "Free Zone"

Nicosia, Aug. 31. Political and economic turmoil in Middle East countries has turned the British island of Cyprus into a favourite "free zone" of international traffic and cosmopolitan entertainment in this part of the world.

Twenty-two countries in three continents now have their Consular representatives on the island.

Commenting on this, one Consul said: "Cyprus can well aspire to the title of the Tangiers of the Middle East."

What he meant can best be seen from the example of one evening recently. That night, a Nicosia night-club audience included a group of French pilots on their way from Saigon to Paris; a tribal chief from Saudi Arabia; Israeli businessmen from Tel-Aviv; United States Embassy staff from Damascus; a party of South Africans going to America; a group of Lebanese army officers and Egyptian pilots.

They mixed freely with the local crowd, the Greeks, Turks, British Colonials, Army and Royal Air Force officers.

An American woman, from Dhahran, wearing an exotic bush shirt and sipping Coca-Cola, remarked that she could not think of any other spot in the Middle East these days where such a varied audience could assemble under a single roof.

The "roof" in this case a popular cabaret, served some 20 years ago as the home of a distinguished exile—King Hussein bin Ali, father of Emir Faisal. He was given refuge in Cyprus after his expulsion from the Hejaz and subsequent rescue by a British warship.

CABARET TURNS

In the same hall where the exiled monarch, "the Caliph of Islam" sat on colourful carpets and soft pillows stroking his white beard and brooding over his misfortune, a cabaret floor show is now performed every night. It features a ballet from Milan, girl acrobats from Paris or Berlin, singers from Athens, the "Danse du Ventre" from Cairo or Damascus, and other vaguely defined dances by scantily-clad beauties from Vienna, Budapest and Prague.

There is no restriction, shortages and alarms usually prevalent in some shape or form in other Middle East countries, Cyprus is famous for its atmosphere of care-free indulgence, which makes visitors feel at home in a very short time.

But it is not only as a haven of entertainment and relaxation that Cyprus is conspicuous.

Nationalist China And Russia Back Morocco Plan WANT ISSUE DEBATED

New York, Aug. 31. Russia and Nationalist China today supported a proposal by the 15-nation Asian-African group of the United Nations to have the situation in Morocco placed on the Council's agenda for full discussion.

M. Semyon Tsarapkin, the Soviet delegate, also urged that the Council hear the members of the group "without delay."

Dr T. T. Tsang, President of the Council, speaking as a member of the Nationalist Chinese delegation, contended that the relations between France and Morocco could not be entirely considered domestic.

Only through more detailed consideration could the Council decide finally whether it was competent to deal with the matter or not, he added.

It would require the affirmative vote of seven of the 11 Council members to admit the item to the agenda. The Council is composed of the Big Four plus Nationalist China, Chile, Colombia, Denmark, Greece, the Lebanon and Pakistan.

Dr Charles Malik of the Lebanon has submitted a resolution to the Council that would permit 13 representatives of the Asian-Arab group, not members of the Council, to appear before it to present their views.

When the Council adjourned its debate on the Moroccan issue on Saturday, sources close to the Asian-Arab group said those expected to vote in favour of the group's request were Pakistan, Lebanon, the Soviet Union, China, Chile and Colombia.

France had urged the Council to refuse the demand to include the Moroccan question on the agenda.

At last Thursday's meeting of the Council, Sir Gladwyn Jebb, Great Britain, said he was against calling the 13 members of the Asian-Arab group to the Council table to express their views.

An affirmative vote of seven would also be required in this case.

FRENCH DECISION

Normally only delegations directly involved in an international dispute have the right to speak, without a vote, when they do not hold membership of the Council.

The French delegate, M. Henri Hoppenot, had contended that the deposition of the Sultan of Morocco was an internal matter. It was understood that France would boycott the meeting in the event of an affirmative vote on the ground that it would constitute illegal interference in the domestic affairs of France as the Protectorate Power.

The United States delegation has stated that it would oppose the admission of the issue to the Council's agenda.

Today's Council session was the last under the presidency of Dr Tsang. Because the chair rotates monthly according to alphabetical order, the delegate of Colombia is due to succeed Dr Tsang.

RUSSIAN VIEWS

M. Semyon Tsarapkin, of the Soviet Union, said the Council was confronted with a situation in Morocco which was very grave—one which required its attention.

He added that the Council could not fail to consider the Moroccan question, all the more so as such a step was demanded by 15 members of the United Nations (the Asian-African group). These represented, he

stated, a quarter of the members of the United Nations, not including those of other members of the United Nations who support or would likely support the initiative of the Asian-African group.

M. Tsarapkin said the Soviet delegation supported the group's proposal to place the issue on the Council's agenda, and also the application of the 13 members of the group who were not members of the Security Council to participate in the debate.

He contended that the sovereignty of Morocco as a government, although not complete, was still maintained, and was based on provisions of the Treaty of Algeiras of 1906.

M. Tsarapkin urged that the members of the Asian-African group be heard "at this stage, that is, in the discussion of the matter on the Council's agenda."

He asked the Council to hear the group "without delay" so that the Council could "obtain all the necessary facts" on the Moroccan problem.

COMPLICATED ISSUE

Dr Tsang, speaking as a Nationalist Chinese delegate, said his delegation would vote for placing the Moroccan question on the Council's agenda.

France had argued, he said, that the Security Council was not competent to deal with the issue because it was within the domestic issue of France.

"This question of competency is very complicated," Dr Tsang said.

Whatever the treaty arrangements on the sovereignty of Morocco might be, he added, the broad fact remained that the relations between Morocco and France were treaty relations.

These treaty relations could not be entirely domestic, he contended.

"This item should be inscribed on the agenda without prejudice to the question of competency," he said.

"That question is itself complicated. It is only after more detailed information that we can decide whether the Council is competent to act."

The meeting was adjourned until tomorrow.—Reuters.

Anglo-Japanese Agreement On Dollar Holdings

Tokyo, Aug. 31. The Finance Ministry announced today an agreement with the United Kingdom permitting Japan to turn 50 per cent of its dollar holdings into sterling up to £5,000,000.

The agreement, the third of its kind between the two countries, is a stop-gap measure pending a sterling loan to round-short Japan from the International Monetary Fund.

Japanese Press reports said that a formal application for a £5,000,000 loan will be made to the IMF within a few days.

The Japanese Government expects the IMF loan to be granted by the end of September.—United Press.

Democrat Rift Still Not Healed

Chicago, Aug. 31.

Enmities begun over a year ago at the Democratic National Convention boiled over again today as several pro-Eisenhower Southern Democrats said that they would not attend a party rally here next month.

One of the primary purposes of the September 14 to 15 rally was to honour defeated presidential candidate Adlai Stevenson, and his followers hoped to see Mr Stevenson's position as leader of the minority party consolidated during the two-day forum.

The Southern boycott was not general and a good number of prominent Dixie Democrats have already promised to attend or explained their coming absences.

Governor Allan Shivers of Texas, who split with Mr Stevenson on the issue of "states' rights," said he would not attend a meeting of "prior commitments."

Mr Shivers, probably remembering the hot North-South debates during the 1952 Democratic convention, said: "We've got enough arguments in Texas without going to Chicago to get into one."

Senator Price Daniel, Democrat, Texas, who supported Eisenhower, also refused to attend the Chicago rally.—United Press.

New Ships For Far East Run

San Francisco, Aug. 31. The Pacific Far East Line today announced that it had signed the largest single ship-building contract ever awarded on the West coast.

Three new Mariner class liners will be built here for a total of between \$15,000,000 and \$20,000,000.

The first keel will be laid on September 14.

A company announcement said that the ships will be the most modern cargo liners to be developed in the United States for foreign trade. They will each have accommodation for 12 passengers.

The shipping company operates between the Pacific coast and the Orient, including Hongkong, Japan, China, Formosa, Okinawa, India, China, and the Philippines. It also serves the Mediterranean.—United Press.

Expert Going To Persia

New York, Aug. 31.

The United Nations Technical Assistance Administration is sending an expert to Persia to assist in a projected administrative reorganization of the country's largest insurance company.

The expert, M. Joseph Matouli, a Belgian, will leave Belgium on Wednesday for Teheran to take up the assignment, a United Nations announcement said.—Reuters.

Why K2 Expedition Failed

Rawalpindi, Aug. 31.

Dr Charles Houston, leader of the American Himalayan expedition, today blamed the worst weather he had ever known for his team's failure to reach the world's highest unconquered mountain.

Dr Houston and other members of the expedition arrived here yesterday on their way home.

Dr Houston recounted the story of the failure to scale the 28,280-foot peak during a howling storm lasting 18 days.

He dismounted negotiations made to him that Arthur Gilkey, 33-year-old geologist, who crashed to his death on the mountain, had committed suicide so that he would not be a burden to the party.

Gilkey was crippled by blood clots and was being carried down in his sleeping bag when the team all 120 feet into an abyss. He was tied to two ice axes

on a slope while the others were rescued. An avalanche swept him away.

Dr Houston said it was not possible for Gilkey to have committed suicide.

"He was not that type," he said.

Dr Houston, who had made two previous attempts to scale Mt Godwin Austen, said:

"The pain in Arthur's legs was so excruciating he could not walk. When he tried he fell unconscious."

Dr Houston said the storm, which helped to defeat their assault on the summit "had to be seen to be believed."

"Visibility was down to a couple of yards. Shrieking wind filled the air. We had to shout into each other's ears to be heard," he said.

"We had to either climb down or starve. It was difficult even to boil water as the snow pierced our tent seams and extinguished the flames."

"I don't think any mountaineering expedition has

stayed so long at such a height."

Dr Houston thought it was the first expedition on Mt Godwin Austen to fail primarily because of the weather.

He said it was "ironic" that such a blizzard struck an area which was considered out of range of monsoons.

Another member of the expedition, Mr Robert Bates, of Essex, said that the blizzard had been seen a blizzard like it even on Hudson Bay, which is considered the world's windiest place.

Dr Houston said he and George Ball, of Cambridge, Mass., carried out all their belongings, including clothes, cameras and flares, when the party fell into the abyss.

Least hurt were Bates, Robert Craig, of Seattle, and H. H. Sturges, of Grandville, Shetland, who were carrying the most valuable scientific information on the peak.—China Mail Special.

The Grecian Isles Will Rise Again, But—

"The Flower Of The Levant Is Broken On Its Stalk"

From PATRICK LEIGH FERMOR

I HAVE spent the last week in the ruined Ionian Islands, and it has been a chastening experience. As we peered down last Sunday from a Greek aircraft there was little in the appearance of Cephalonia to suggest the disaster that had just taken place.

But as we lost height symptoms soon began to show: reddish wounds scarred the steep limestone flanks of Mount Ainos, where large masses of rock had been shaken loose and fallen in cascades of boulders into the gorges below; isolated ruins of shepherd huts; stone threshing floors split across like broken coins; then wrecks of entire villages, and gypsy-like encampments of peasants, their pitiful heaps of salvaged property scattered among the olive trees.

When we started dropping sacks of food tiny figures seemed to spring from the mountainside and come running from all directions.

Zigzag Splits

ONCE on the ground, however, the tragic completeness of the disaster was overwhelming. In one pretty village the only house still standing was, paradoxically, one built on sand, the elasticity of which has absorbed the shock. The few modern ferro-concrete buildings on the islands suffered least, however. Old buildings of hewn stone around Argostoli had collapsed as though they had been built of matchwood. Every single one.

Zigzag splits furrowed the fine roads engineered by Sir Charles Napier, the conqueror of Sind, when he was Governor of the islands early in the last century. But things are improving. The fires are out, some of the roads repaired, and some of the streets

cleared; field hospitals are adequately staffed and equipped, villages of tents have been springing up all the week; the water crisis, acute at first, is over, and planks for temporary shelters are piling up.

Three of the islands are, in effect, ruined; but of the three Ithaca, the Kingdom of Odysseus, suffered least. The destruction of the Cephalonian towns of Argostoli, Lixouri, Samy and of Zakynthos, the capital of Xante, is complete. Out of a total population of 120,000 a large majority of families are homeless, and exist with only a few chattels and relics around them—bedsteads, sewing machines, birdcages, huge framed photographs and wedding wreaths. But the islanders' plight is not desperate until the winter rains, by which time it is hoped that a mushroom town of Nissen huts will have sprung up.

Deaths are numbered in hundreds—no definite figure can be stated yet—and every one of the survivors has witnessed horrors as terrible and apocalyptic as Judgment Day. Yet morale is astonishingly high. In disasters as complete as this the fine, Greek spirit has a phoenix-like knack of recovery. It has kept them afloat on a sea of troubles for 3,000 years and, surprisingly, the sound of singing can be heard each evening among the trees.

Eerie Illusion

EVERY town will have to be razed and rebuilt from the ground; there is nothing left to patch up. There have been a few cases of looting, but the penalty has been swift and condign. The reek of death from the rubble foretells the danger of cholera, and mass inoculation will have to be enforced. As we approached Xante by sea slight submarine earth-

quakes shook the vessel like the explosion of depth-charges. The last of the fires of Zakynthos—rear-guard of a huge conflagration—threw red reflections seawards. At day-break the town gave an eerie impression of completeness until the growing light revealed that the walls had nothing behind them and that roofs, apparently intact, were in fact scattered across acres of rubbish with no supporting walls. On the jetty a row of bollards—ancient cannon embedded muzzle downwards in masonry—pointed in all directions, and fissures cut the waterfront into a jigsaw puzzle pattern.

Old Friend

I KNEW this beautiful town of Zakynthos well, but so bare of landmarks in the wreckage that now replaces it that I stood for ten minutes among large pyramids of blackened stone before I realised that I was standing in what had once been the lovely baroque main square. On the cliffs above the town I sought the house of an old English friend of mine, Miss Isabel C. Fowle, grand-daughter of a friend of Byron whose family established itself in the Ionian Islands during the sixty years of British suzerainty.

I found the house, in spite of overturned bookcases and chairs it seemed miraculously intact. Prints still hung on the walls; the book page of a February Sunday Times stared from the floor with "No Cause for Pessimism" by Raymond Mortimer and "On Violence" by Cyril Connolly inappropriately catching the eye. But half the garden, the summer house and its balustrade, had snapped off and collapsed into the void.

In the town the remains of other friends' houses were hard to find. Again one caught the reek of carrion. Cats stalked among the wreckage, here and there solitary figures delved their snouts into the ruins. A girl, her face streaming with tears, hauled water from one surviving well. An old woman told me she had lost her house and her whole family. "But never mind," she said. "Greece can breed other children and build new houses. But my beautiful Zakynthos has gone for ever."

Rich Centre

IT is true. For Xante was, alone of its kind in Greece, spared the blight of Turkish occupation. It was for centuries part of the Venetian Republic and its buildings were Venetian baroque. The main square was as delicate and beautiful as a casket, the small palaces of the island nobility were fronted with barley-sugar columns and arched pediments, and the main street was long, snow-white arcade.

The town was a rich centre of literature, and it has fostered an individual type of singing resembling the Neapolitan Caracoles, accompanied by guitars and mandolins. The palaces of the Roma and Lunzi and Mercati families were filled with treasures. Nothing but broken pillars now marks their whereabouts, and the statue of the poet Solomos lies headless against its smashed pedestal.

The old woman was right. The town will rise again; but the aesthetic loss can never be made good. "The flower of the Levant," as poets call Xante, "is broken on its stalk."

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"Did you win, Bud?"

James Wickenden reports from Indo-China

WHEN THE MONSOON ENDS, WHAT THEN?

SAIGON, Aug. 31. A STRING of Tong-kinese peasants wearing long-tailed coats and saucer-shaped hats waddle along narrow paths. On either side tiny flooded paddy fields reflect the basket which hang from bamboo poles swaying on their shoulders.

Smoke from their village, burning from Communist shells, hangs behind them. So does seven years of war, 90,000 casualties and half a billion U.S. dollars, the cost of the Indo-Chinese war.

In the Red River Delta are over half-a-million other refugees. The villagers will soon join them. Many are hoping to find an American aid post where they can queue for a squeeze of ointment in their eyes, red and sore from the endemic complaint of trachoma.

Many in the party are thin and the children pot-bellied, because their paddy fields have been divided so often between succeeding sows that they no longer grow enough rice for all.

Some Vietnam paddy fields have produced bigger

crops—because of fertiliser provided under American aid. Some swamps have been sprayed with anti-malarial oil. Clothing and drugs have been issued, and the villagers have given thanks in return.

But thousands of tons of fertiliser and truckloads of spray pumps soon disappear in the expanses of Vietnam. For, one of the three states of Indo-China, it is three times the size of England and Wales, supporting 20 million people.

Makes It Pay

ONLY drastic revision of their age-old farming methods could feed the people, but little can be done while the war is on. And the same war which has held up progress has, by devastation and extension of Communist rule over half the population, made that very progress most necessary.

If some of the peasants of the free half of the Vietnamese people are now beginning to feel they have nothing to lose under Communist rule, no one will

know about it sooner than bony-faced 61-year-old Nguyen ai Hoc, alias Ho Chi-minh—"The One Who Shines".

As leader of the Communist Vietnam, his life has been spent in a revolutionary atmosphere, beginning at home under a drunken bully of a father in the small north Annamese village where he was reared.

There he saw his brother imprisoned—for stealing guns, and his sister arrested for sheltering a rebel chief. Later he talked Communism in atrocious French, posing as a hack journalist in Paris. From there he went as a picked student to Moscow.

Now, as an able strategist, he may believe the time ripe for swaying the masses in the Red River delta to Communism.

Unlike the French and Vietnamese who oppose him, Ho Chi-minh makes the war pay. From the land of Ten Thousand Elephants and the Golden Umbrella—Laos—which the Vietnamese occupied in April this year, Ho Chi-minh looted one-

and-a-half million pounds sterling worth of opium. He traded it for guns from China, where opium fetches ten times the price in Laos.

He also got aid from Communist Europe. From Polish and other Satellite ports, one ship has sailed almost every week since January with undeclared cargo for Red Asia.

These ships, some manned by sullen Russian crews, have aroused curiosity from Suez to Singapore. But now reports indicate that they off-load into Russian long-range submarines known to be operating near Hainan Island.

Outside Aid

JUST what this aid has amounted to, and how much it will be increased, must be a problem to French Intelligence. For outside aid will be a decisive factor in the balance of the campaign in Indo-China, which is likely to start again when the monsoon rains end in September.

Recent supplies at any rate, appear to have sufficed Ho Chi-minh to contemplate direct attack on the delta, stronghold of the French, if the present disposition of Vietnamese troops gives any indication.

Chinese anti-aircraft gunners are known to have been posted recently to guard the Viet-China border, and out of eight known Vietnamese divisions, five are poised round the delta. If they succeed in capturing Hanoi in the expected campaign, they might succeed in ending effective French resistance north of Cambodia.

But first Ho Chi-minh has to reckon with the French Expeditionary Forces, the hard core of the free forces of Indo-China.

Most of the 103,000 French troops, all volunteers, are forming up in the delta to meet the threat of Ho's attack. There in the plains they can fight Western-style, actions that suit them and their weapons.

The men are glad to be free of the stale cement smell of forts lost in mountain and jungle, and the depressing strategy of defence in place of attack. Their spirits have risen, and the columns of men, swinging back in their brief khaki shorts, roar out such songs as "Aupres de moi blonde".

They look forward to a spell in the open-air cafes of Hanoi, the paper umbrellas, smiling girls, and slightly dreamy Alce in Wonderland atmosphere of town life in Indo-China.

If fighting starts in earnest at the end of the rains, they

will be under the hard of cavalry-trained 54-year-old General Navarre. In his first full-scale Indo-Chinese campaign.

Small plump General Navarre radiates a secretive, confident smile. He has definite ideas of how to deal with the Vietnamese. First, he says, there should be a profound transformation of organisation and morale of French and Vietnamese forces. Then, Vietnamese supply centres should be attacked.

Difficulties

BEGINNING with morale, General Navarre wants independence so that local troops can take over guard and other rear area duties. This would free all the French troops for front line duty.

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There are two difficulties. To step up the training of the Indo-Chinese, Navarre needs French troops. And to keep the war going at all, Navarre needs the support of the French Government and people.

The U.S. appears ready to increase this year's grant of \$243 million to aid the development of a strong Indo-Chinese force. But what of France?

The Communists in France are strong, and have provided the leaders of recent French strikes.

In the last great shut-down one common argument was that there would be no need to cut war pensions, raise house rents and sack civil servants if the Government saved money by ending the Indo-Chinese war.

Best Card

LAFLETT's right-wing government knows this is true. Navarre's plan is spending 12 percent of her annual revenue on the war. To a tottering government the temptation to sign almost any treaty with the Vietnamese and end the expense is real and strong.

For his Expeditionary Force remains General Navarre's best card. By playing for a spectacular victory as soon as the campaign should open, he can hope to restore confidence in France and bolster Indo-Chinese morale.

But he wonders if France's Communists—and China—will let him play his cards. Also, Navarre's plan is going to force the home-leave business in Hanoi's rubbish dumps.

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MILTON SHULMAN again picks from the vivid books of the past

FOREVER AMBER'S 'MOTHER'

AFTER Casablanca in 1943 Winston Churchill was ill with pneumonia. To keep his notoriously difficult patient in bed Dr Geoffrey Marshall warned him that pneumonia was "the old man's friend—because it takes them off so quietly."

The doctor advised M and B, pen and novel. "I chose Moll Flanders," writes Churchill in his war memoirs, "about which I had heard excellent accounts, but had not found time to test them."

When he had finished the book he gave it to Dr Marshall to cheer him up. "The treatment was successful," reports the Prime Minister.

"Excellent," accounts of Daniel Defoe's Moll Flanders have been current since it was written in 1722. Not only is it one of the first great English novels, but every English slut and trollop flouncing through fiction from Dickens to Kathleen Winsor can trace her

hereditary pedigree back to Moll Flanders. She could well be the patron saint of the circulating library.

Hero is a heroine who married five times (once to her brother and thrice bigamously), who had 12 children (mostly illegitimate), who was 12 years a thief and became the most efficient pickpocket of her day, who was transported to Virginia as a felon, and who tells it all with detailed simplicity and uninhibited candour.

Though incest, seduction, adultery, and crime were Moll Flanders' almost exclusive interests, she reminisces with such naive frankness that her story is never obscene or shocking.

It was not until he was 60 that Daniel Defoe discovered the literary gold to be found in mattresses. Before then he had lived a turbulent existence as a business man, a bankrupt, a pamphleteer, an editor, a schem-

ing politician, a secret agent, and a rowdy Non-Conformist and Dissenter. He was the perfect journalist who could write on anything, either side.

Quarrelsome and vengeful, his ironic writing brought him to the pillory, and even on the way he was exposed to the mob his biting hymn to the Pillory was selling on the street. His audacity made him a popular hero, and instead of being pumelled by eggs and stinking fish, his health was drunk in the streets and his pillory decorated with flowers.

The only description we have of Defoe is to be found on a notice offering £50 reward for information leading to his arrest. "He is a middle-aged man," it reads, "about 40 years old, of a brown complexion, and dark-brown-coloured hair, but wears a wig; a hooked nose, a sharp chin, grey eyes, and a large mole near his mouth."

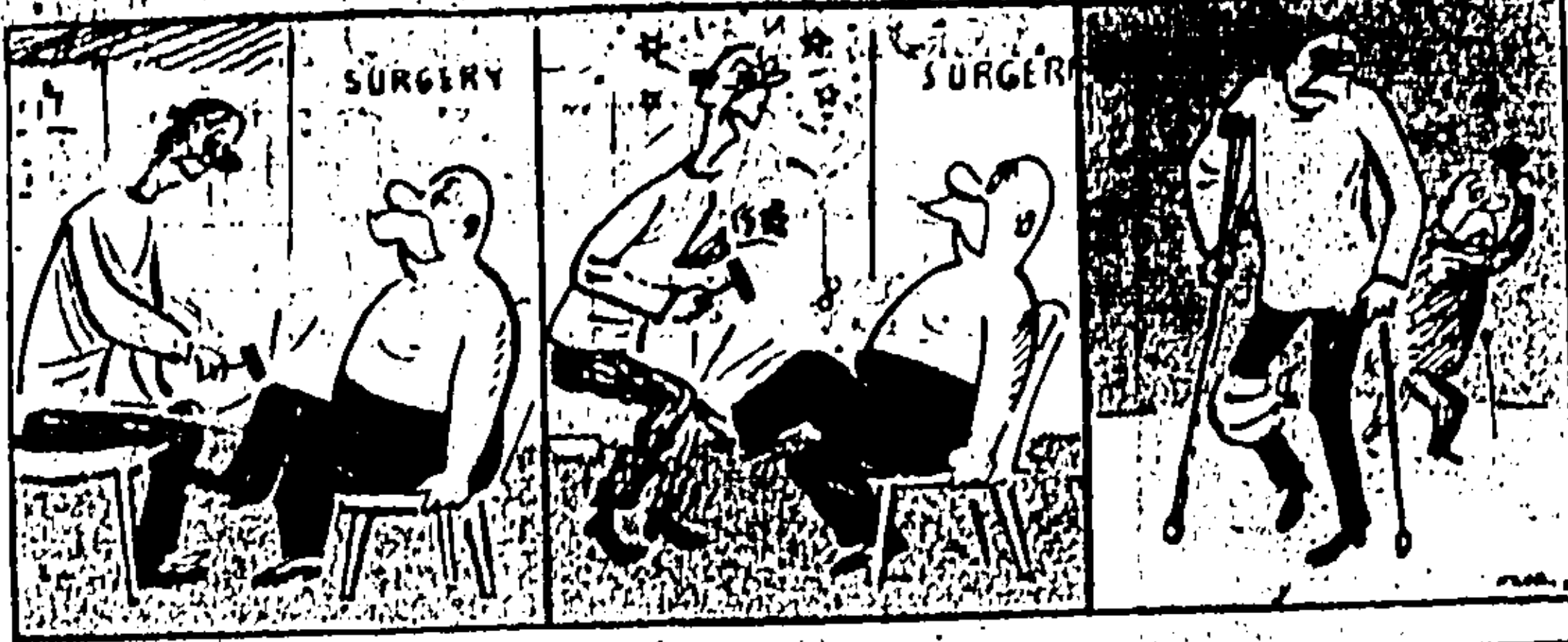
Both written when he was over 60, that his reputation as a great English novelist depends on every page.

Moll Flanders plunges us into a world of low life and high excitement in which vice and sanctimony tussle for supremacy on every page.

Behind this veneer of moralising, Defoe tries to convince us his book is designed as a warning to others contemplating taking up where Moll Flanders left off. But Moll believe will sell the story. Assuring us that one of the characters is a reformed man, she tells us "I could fill a larger history than this with the evidence of this truth, and but that I doubt that part of the story will not be equally diverting as the wicked part."

The success of books like Forever Amber shows that Daniel Defoe's formula for a best-seller has not changed much in over 300 years.

Colonel UP and Mr. DOWN... by Walter

• BY • THE • WAY •
by Beachcomber

THE decree promulgated by a dress designer, that women are to wear the hideous short skirt again, made me wonder what would happen if Savile-row ordered men to wear trousers which ended just below the knee.

How often a woman says, "We dress to please ourselves." Not so, little rogues. You dress to please a handful of male dictators whom you have never seen. What is more, exquisite rascals, you do what they tell you, even if you realise that they are playing the fool with you, and making you look ridiculous. Hence, what have just been called the "heavily-petted, bloom-on-a-frail-stem look", happy days, sweet ladies!

Question time

A MAN who rose at a public meeting the other day, and asked, "Is it necessary for metal sprayers to wear green underwear?" was very properly called to order by the chair. He was reminded that the meeting was about the future of West Africa. He bobbed up again and asked, "Doesn't anyone ever question?" He went on interrupting until they threw him out. The chairman had said, "I will try to answer any questions you care to put to me. He didn't expect for questions about the underwear of metal sprayers, which are barred."

An odd occurrence

A frommager, who complained that he suffered from hatches, he made the man look his way. When he awoke, the patient said, "My hat still aches." "Non-sense," said the psychiatrist. "You haven't got a hat. It's your head that aches." So it is, said the delighted patient, and he got up and went out, cured of hatches.

Licences for pedestrians

If pedestrians are forced to use zebra crossings, motorists will be forced to stop while they are crossing. It cuts both ways, as the Turk said when he brandished a two-edged scimitar. From this first easy in compulsion, it will be but a step to complete control of the roads. Licences will be issued to cross roads—but only to those who can show good reason why they should not stay where they are. There will be some fine tangles at the crossings, but the police will be able to direct a pedestrian half-way over and bring him back just as the car have started.

• JACOBY ON BRIDGE

'Serendipity' Saves Declarer's Hand

NORTH (D)			
♠ K9852			
♥ A43			
♦ 752			
♣ K7			
WEST			
♠ None			
♥ QJ108			
♦ KJ9854			
♣ 855			
EAST			
♠ 704			
♥ 9783			
♦ 10			
♣ QJ942			
SOUTH			
♠ AQJ103			
♥ K5			
♦ AQ8			
♣ A106			
North-South vul.			
North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1	Pass
3	Pass	0	Pass
Pass	Pass		
Opening lead—♥ Q			

By OSWALD JACOBY

ONE of my favourite words in the English language is "serendipity"—the ability to find good things that you weren't looking for. This wonderful gift came to declarer's rescue in today's hand.

West opened the queen of hearts, and South won in his own hand with the king. Declarer drew three rounds of trumps with the ace, queen, and lack of spades, after which he got to dummy with the ace of hearts and ruffed a heart. South continued by taking the top clubs and ruffing a club in dummy.

At this moment the lead was in dummy and declarer had one trump and three diamonds in each hand. He intended to lead a low diamond from dummy and finesse the eight of diamonds from his own hand in order to thrust West into the lead.

If this manoeuvre could be executed, West would have to return a diamond and give declarer a free finesse. (If West could return anything else, declarer could ruff in dummy and discard a diamond from his own hand.)

Much to South's disappointment, East put up the ten of diamonds when that suit was led from dummy. South swallowed his disappointment and played the low diamond from his hand. There was no need to finesse the queen of diamonds; this time, for South, would have a chance to finesse if East led another diamond.

Here is where serendipity came to declarer's rescue. East couldn't lead another diamond. This was a piece of good luck that South hadn't been looking for. It didn't matter whether East returned a heart or a club. East returned a heart, and declarer discarded his queen of diamonds while dummy ruffed.

While you're congratulating South for his good luck, however, don't forget to give him credit for playing the hand properly. It was necessary to strip out the hearts and clubs before attacking the diamonds; otherwise East would have excited safely with a heart or a club, and South would have lost a second diamond trick.

Q—With both sides vulnerable, the bidding has been:

West North East South

3 Hearts 3 Spades Pass ?

You, South, hold: Spades K-7-6-3, Hearts 8-4, Diamonds A-Q-7-3, Clubs 9-6. What do you do?

A—Bid four spades. There should be a fine play for a game since your partner's hand is good enough for a vulnerable overcall at the level of three. Slam should be out of the question since your partner was "not strong enough to double three hearts for a takeout."

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades 8-6, Hearts A-J-5, Diamonds A-Q-7-3, Clubs K-J-6-2. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

CARD SENSE

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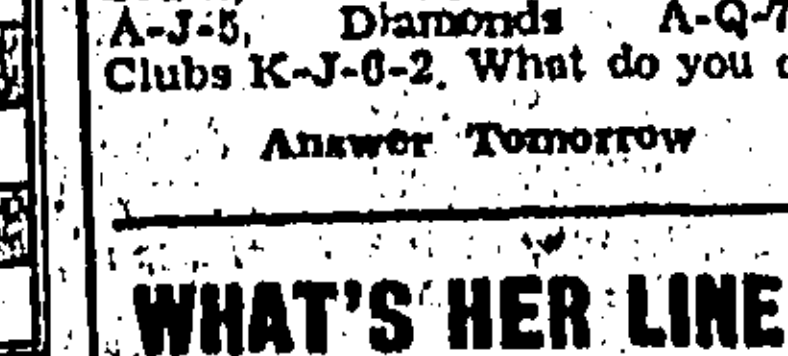
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CHESS PROBLEM

By A. P. KERKES
Black, 10 pieces.



White, 11 pieces.
White to play: mate in three.
Solution to yesterday's problem: 1. Q-K5, any; 2. Q-R, or B mates.

WHAT'S HER LINE?
MISS S. S. POTTER
Rearrange the letters to spell her occupation.
(Solution on Page 10)

WOMANSENSE

Cotton has become the belle of the ball. Cotton lace, trimmed with pleated net, was shown for this crinoline evening dress by Arthur Rankin to be shown at St. Erik's Fair, Stockholm.



Favoured Trends In Hairstyles & Fashion

By DOROTHY BARKLEY

London, six months were Steiner and cut is a direct result of the short movement amongst dress designers. A piled-up style would look top-heavy above a short skirt.

For evening he suggests that you dress your hair with diamante clips or a miniature tiara. The clips are worn attached to a hairgrip and scattered through the hair. They are selling at less than a shilling each and will be popular for evening dress occasions.

French actresses that a new hair cannot be automatically suitable for everyone. It has to be adapted to suit individual face and personality. So take heart if you think a fringe is not for you; it may well be if it is cut in the right way.

And he has found a solution to warm weather hairdressing when it is so hot under the drier in your little cubicle that you think you'll expire. He has adapted his balcony overlooking Hyde Park for use as a "drying room".

Clients sit out, "thorow under driers," ventilator blinds shade their eye from the sun. With fresh green grass, a pop of the balustrade and pots of plants by way of decoration it is meant to look like a cool oasis.

French of London, who promote a short, straight fringe, shows it with a smoother, sleeker look for short hair. The "poodle cut" has completely gone; hair is now cut to the shape of the head and curled softly at the ends. For, in spite of much talk about a return to long hair, French still says that it will not be fashionable.

Let's hope he's right, and that the craze for the "horse's tail" hairdo—long uncurled hair tied back with a ribbon—will be clipped short.

French's choice of the plain, simple style in preference to the fussy detail of the poodle.

KEEP IN TRIM, by Ida Jean Kain

INGENIOUS DIETERS PASS HELPFUL TIPS

SURPRISINGLY enough, often than not some little ruse that spells the difference between losing or failing to lose. Who says so? Successful dieters... and recognising this, they are eager to pass along their special "diet twist" to other reducers.

Here is a simple excerpt: "May I make a small suggestion which might help your dieting? Concern for my teeth resulted in this idea. I started brushing them right after each meal to prevent decay. Then I discovered an unexpected benefit. Brushing my teeth removed the taste of food from my mouth, and that together with a reluctance to eat my freshly cleaned teeth helped me to break the habit of overeating or nibbling between meals."

That trip upstairs to clean your teeth and remove the taste of food before you've overeaten can be more reducing than climbing to the top of the Empire State Building.

Another reducer writes: "I believe I'm a woman of average intelligence, yet the simplest thing has done wonders for me."

CROSSWORD



Across

1. Short covering (4)

2. From the (4)

3. More tame (4)

4. Ladies' musical partner (4)

5. Tuna goes back in the steam (4)

6. Faint (4)

7. Faint (4)

8. Faint (4)

9. Faint (4)

10. Faint (4)

Down

1. Extra run (3)

2. It's a foot (3)

3. Improved without moving (4)

4. But it's fun (4)

5. A moon is followed by a short punt—how vault-like (4)

6. Rates and without the chequ (4)

7. Masking (4)

8. Withered (4)

9. But it's a map (4)

10. Ship carrier (4)

11. But it's a map (4)

12. Ship carrier (4)

13. But it's a map (4)

14. Ship carrier (4)

15. But it's a map (4)

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17. But it's a map (4)

18. Ship carrier (4)

19. But it's a map (4)

20. Ship carrier (4)

Rupert and the Pepper-Rose-23



When he has finished meeting and wiped the tears out of his eyes, Rupert said, "Fancy me being caught by a trick like that!" he squeaked. "Just you wait, I'll pay you out young Rupert!" He gave the stick and pretends to be a bear.

Cotton - The Social Climber

How glamorous can cotton become? Once it was used for aprons and rubber frocks only; now it is adapted for everything from smart blouses to evening dresses. Then it was fashion's Cinderella; now it's the belle of the ball.

Lancashire's cotton products are being promoted more than ever. At the end of this month the Manchester Cotton Board opens a design and fabric display at St. Erik's Fair which is being held in Stockholm as part of the city's 700th anniversary celebrations. Ten top London models will show clothes made in cotton by leading couturiers.

More than three hundred fabrics will be displayed. And there will be tailored suits in cotton (weird, cocktail dresses in cotton velvet, evening dresses in cotton lace).

The newest way of using cotton for an evening dress is illustrated. In cotton lace, the bodice is trimmed with broderie anglaise and pink roses, the skirt with pleated cotton net. Points to note: the crinolined fullness, strapless bodice, and curved panels on the skirt.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

SHELLAC finishes do not crack, but are not waterproof. Do not use shellac on furniture that will come in contact with water. Shellac is a universal sealer. When it is applied over a wood stain, it will seal it so that the colour of the stained wood is preserved, and will not be affected by subsequent finishes.

A surface scratch on pewter may be improved by careful use of No. 000 steel wool. However, treat with care as pewter is very soft and easily scarred.

Woolen goods can be pre-shrunk at home by pressing with a steam iron and a press cloth, or rolling them in a damp sheet until they are thoroughly moist and then pressing. Clipping the selvage edge at intervals will make the shrinking process an even one.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Want a Moon Bead Necklace?

—It's Hard to Do, But King Nep Can Make You One—

By MAX TRELL

"Oh, what kind of beads are they, King Nep?"

"Moon beads," he replied.

"Moon beads?" repeated Hand in surprise.

King Nep nodded. "They're very pretty, aren't they? Just look at this!" And he took the thread of moon beads and held them for a moment under the dark root of the willow. They glowed with a soft light.

Hand said: "They're just like moonbeams."

"Well," said King Nep, "I'll tell you a secret! That's what they really are! Please don't tell anyone. They won't believe you anyway."

Hand wanted to know how she could go about it, making a moon bead necklace.

"Well," said King Nep, "it's quite simple really. You wait till a nice moonshiny night and then you go out with a little silk bag and fill it up with moonbeams."

At this, Hand leaned over and examined the threads very closely. Sure enough, it was strung with the strangest and smallest and most beautiful white beads she had ever seen.

"Where do you find them?"

"All over the place," said King Nep. "You find them on the wet grass. You find them on the top of main puddles. You find them on the backs of cows. You find them on leaves, on windows, on eye-glasses, in the hair of little girls, and on umbrellas."

"And then what do you do?"

King Nep wanted to know. "How do you pick them up?" he asked.

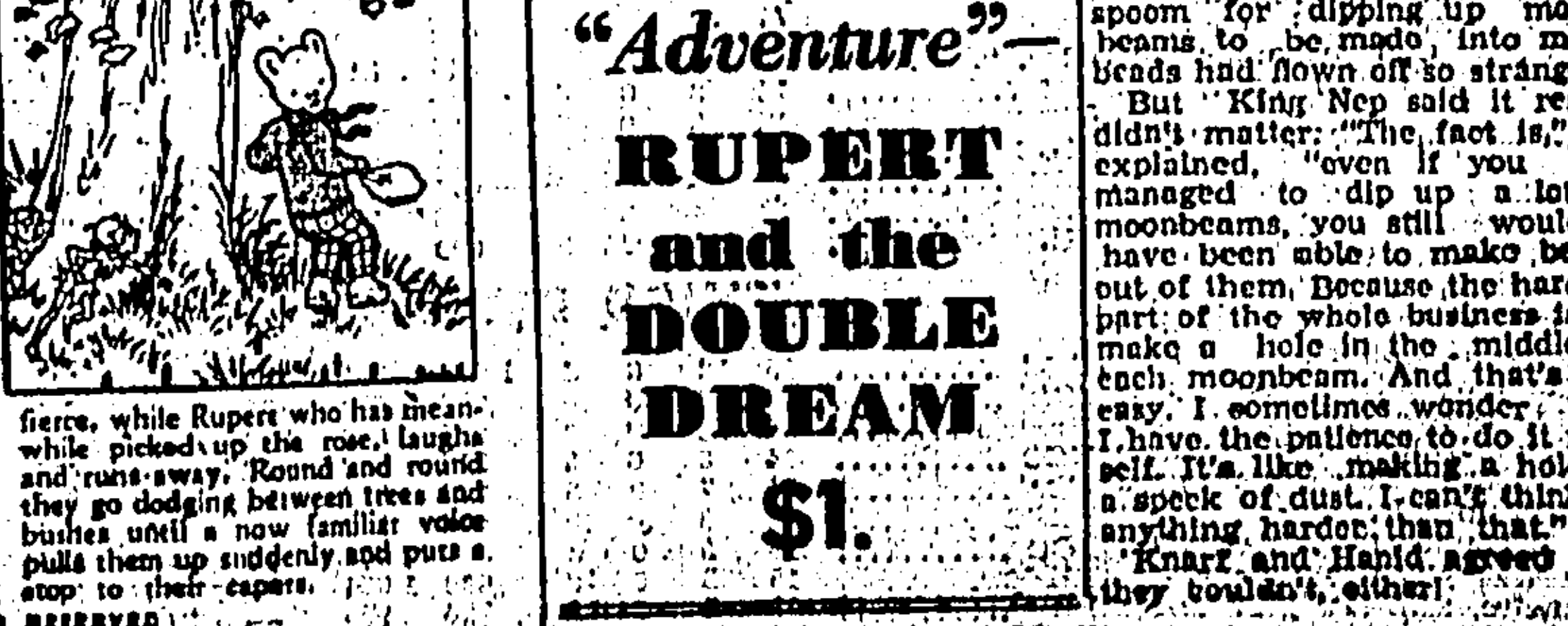
"You pick them up," said King Nep. "You can't pick moonbeams, up with your fingers. You have to dip them up with a silver spoon."

"Spoon?" said King Nep.

"What's a spoon?"

King Nep reached into his pocket and took out something that looked like a spoon, except that it seemed to be made of cobwebs. It was soft and kept changing its shape so that one minute it looked like a spoon and the next second it looked like a turtle. The next instant it was a cat.

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When he has finished meeting and wiped the tears out of his eyes, Rupert said, "Fancy me being caught by a trick like that!" he squeaked. "Just you wait, I'll pay you out young Rupert!" He gave the stick and pretends to be a bear.

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

BORN today, you are a natural executive. You know how to plan things, which may seem to give orders for executing a project in detail. You are determined and energetic in pushing through an enterprise to a successful conclusion and are not one to stop in the middle. You wonder how much longer it is going to take your idea is to get it done—fast! Still, you want accuracy and efficiency and can be very impatient with anyone who wastes time or makes a mistake.

You have considerable personal pride and are genuine and sincere in wanting to do what you do well. You consider that well executed is worth a million words of talking about what you are planning to do. Consequently you keep your own counsel and rarely tell anyone your plans until you are all set. Once you have made up your mind, you may send

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Relax tension which may have been mounting. Don't get into an argument, no matter what happens. Be patient.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Don't be too harsh with those who stop in the middle. You are constructive criticism if you must differ.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — If an outsider makes a suggestion, you might pay attention to it for once. It might be a worthwhile idea.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — A good friendship day. The aspect is excellent for making new contacts which may last a lifetime.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — If you are directing the work of others, make sure that your instructions are clearly given.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Concentrate on making the most of all your talents. Let bygones be bygones. Never cry over spilled milk.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Daydreaming is fun, but it doesn't get you anywhere very fast. Act

DUMB-BELLS



THEY'VE JUST FOUND SOME LETTERS THAT WASHINGTON WROTE TO MARTHA.

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CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

SAILINGS TO			
"SHENKONG"	Keelung	5 p.m.	2nd Sept.
"HUNAN"	Tientsin	10 a.m.	4th Sept.
"YCHOH"	Shanghai	10 a.m.	5th Sept.
"SZECHUEN"	Singapore, Penang, Kelang & Palembang	10 a.m.	7th Sept.
"FAHIOH"	Bangkok	10 a.m.	8th Sept.
"SHENKING"	Keelung	5 p.m.	9th Sept.
"FENGHUI"	Shanghai	10 a.m.	12th Sept.
"YUNNAN"	Sourabaya & Macassar	8 a.m.	12th Sept.
"FUKIEN"	Yokohama, Nagoya, Osaka & Kobe	8 a.m.	13th Sept.
"HUPH"	Tientsin	10 a.m.	14th Sept.
Sails from Custodian Wharf			
ARRIVALS FROM			
"SZECHUEN"	Singapore	4th Sept.	
"FAHIOH"	Kobe	6th Sept.	
"SHENKING"	Keelung	7th Sept.	
"YUNNAN"	Shanghai	7th Sept.	
"FENGHUI"	Kobe	8th Sept.	
"HUPH"	Tientsin	10th Sept.	
"FUKIEN"	Singapore	11th Sept.	

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SAILINGS TO			
"TAIPING"	Sydney	Noon	7th Sept.
"CHANGTIE"	Kure & Kobe	Noon	7th Sept.
"TAIYUAN"	Sydney & Melbourne	Noon	9th Sept.
ARRIVALS FROM			
"SHANSI"	Australia, Ocean Is., Nauru & Manila	3rd Sept.	
"CHANGTIE"	Australia & Manila	4th Sept.	
"TAIPING"	Kobe	5th Sept.	
"TAIYUAN"	Yokohama	7th Sept.	

BLUE FUNNEL LINE

Scheduled sailings to Europe via Aden & Port Said.

Sails			
"PERSEUS"	Marseilles, Liverpool & Glasgow	5th Sept.	8th Sept.
"CLYTONUS"	Liverpool & Glasgow	13th Sept.	14th Sept.
"ARNEAS"	Genoa, London, Rotterdam, Amsterdam & Hamburg	22nd Sept.	23rd Sept.
"ASTYANAX"	Liverpool & Dublin	23rd Sept.	24th Sept.
"FYRHUS"	Marseilles, Liverpool & Glasgow	5th Oct.	6th Oct.

Scheduled sailings from Europe

Sails			
"ARNEAS"	Liverpool	Rotterdam	Arrives Hong Kong 3rd Sept.
"CLYTONUS"	do	Sailed	15th Sept.
"ASTYANAX"	do	do	23rd Sept.
"FYRHUS"	do	do	28th Sept.
"ARNEAS"	29th Aug.	3rd Sept.	8th Oct.
"CLYTONUS"	7th Sept.	13th Sept.	14th Oct.
"ASTYANAX"	14th Sept.	20th Sept.	23rd Oct.
"FYRHUS"	18th Sept.	24th Sept.	28th Oct.

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Sails			
"BATAAN"	Sailed	Sailed	13th Sept.
"TELEMANCHUS"	28th Aug.	17th Sept.	16th Oct.
"DONA NATI"	10th Sept.	2nd Oct.	31st Oct.
"BENARES"	25th Sept.	17th Oct.	15th Nov.
"AJAX"	10th Oct.	1st Nov.	1st Dec.

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Sails			
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"DONA AURORA"	19th Sept.	20th Sept.	

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He'll Teach Boys He Cannot See

A Schoolmaster whose sight has become so bad that he cannot read or distinguish his pupils has mastered Braille in three languages so that he can continue to teach.

Before the end of the summer term, pupils at the Henry Smith Grammar School, Hartlepool, Co. Durham, knew something serious was wrong with the eyesight of their German and French languages master, Dr A. Turek.

And when he left before the end of the term the boys thought the kindly young Czech would not be coming back.

But when they file into their classrooms at the beginning of the new term Dr Turek will be there.

Back home at West Hartlepool after nine weeks at the Nijmegen Institute for the Blind at Torquay, Dr Turek said: "I hope to be able to teach them as well as ever."

"I mastered English Braille myself and now at Torquay I have learned Braille in French and German so that I can read new text books and keep up to date."

"I also know how to recognize boys by listening to their voices."

At night he will take home the boys' exercise books. His wife will read out their answers and he will mark them. She will also help him prepare the next day's lessons.

BAVARIAN REDS' PLAINT

Karlsruhe, Aug. 31. The Bavarian Communist Party today demanded that one of its leaders, under arrest since September, be allowed to stand as candidate in the West German elections next week-end.

The party said in a formal complaint to the West German Constitutional Court that "immediate action" should be taken over Oskar Neumann, held at Duisburg in the Ruhr on suspicion of plotting treason.

—Reuters.

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DODWELL & CO., LTD. Agents.

Hongkong, September 1, 1953.

NOTICE

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

Notice to Shareholders.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Interim Dividend in respect of the year 1953 of 70 cents per share, free of tax, has been declared payable on and after 17th September, 1953.

Applications for Dividend Warrants should be made either personally or by letter to the Registered Office of the Company, P. & O. Building, 4th Floor.

The Registrar of Members of the Company will be closed from the 3rd day of September 1953 to the 17th day of September 1953, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board, GIBB, LIVINGSTON & COMPANY, LIMITED, Agents.

Hongkong, 6th August, 1953.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

CONSIGNEES FOR LLOYD TRIESTINO S.A. "ASIA"

are hereby notified that their cargo is being discharged into the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co's godown where it will be at consignees risk and subject to the Wharf's terms and conditions of storage, and where delivery may be obtained.

Damaged packages are to be left in the godown for examination by Consignees and the Company's surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at 10 a.m. on the 21st August, 1953.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's godown, and all goods remaining undischarged after the 21st August, 1953, will be subject to suit.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 10th September, 1953, and consignees are requested to have their representatives present during the survey.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

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Hongkong, 26th August, 1953.

Soviet Attack On POW Commission

Pravda, the Russian Communist Party newspaper, today attacked the United Nations Special Commission set up to investigate the repatriation of Japanese and German prisoners of war.

Pravda, quoted by the Soviet news agency Tass in a message received in London, accused America of "trying to raise a provocative hue and cry around the long-settled question of repatriation from the Soviet Union of German and Japanese war prisoners."

It said the United States Ambassador in Madrid, Mr. James Dunn, "attempted to confuse public opinion by alleging

the Soviet Union was the only country which had failed to give information concerning prisoners of war."

"Similar slanderous statements" against the Soviet were made by a representative of Dr Konrad Adenauer, West German Chancellor, it said.

Pravda quoted a Tass statement of April 22, 1950, which said the Soviet Union then held only 1,487 Japanese found guilty of crimes and 971 who "perpetrated serious crimes against the people of China."

Another Tass statement of May 8, 1950, said the Soviet was then holding 9,717 German prisoners of war convicted of serious crimes and 3,815 who committed military crimes and whose cases were "still being investigated."

The newspaper said 310,409 Japanese prisoners were repatriated to Japan and 1,939,003 German war prisoners to Germany.

"The so-called session of the United Nations Commission staged in Geneva has been conceived as another anti-Soviet provocation," Pravda continued.

"Suggestions have been made at United Nations headquarters to include the question of prisoners of war on the United Nations agenda."

"The facts go to prove that this venture is part and parcel of the notorious American cold war where sponsors are at pains to slander the Soviet Union."

Pravda added that "international aggressive circles" were at pains to "whitewash the Nazi criminals whom they need for preparing another war."

—Reuters

NOTICE

COMPANIA MARITIMA ORIENTAL INC.

Notice is hereby given that a General Meeting of the Stockholders of the Compania Maritima Oriental, S.A. will be held on September 7, 1953, at 10:00 a.m. at Room 701, Bank of East Asia Building, for the purpose of electing the new members of the Board of Directors and discussing other important affairs of the Company.

September 1st, 1953.

The Secretary, YANG BAN ENG.

Hongkong, September 1, 1953.

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Outwards			
"CARTHAGE"	Leaves London	Due Hongkong	
"CORFU"	20th August	21st September	
"CHUSAN"	17th September	19th October	
"CANTON"	2nd October	31st October	
	15th October	16th November	
Via Southampton, Fort Said, Aden, Bombay, Colombo, Penang & Singapore			
Homewards			
"CARTHAGE"	Leaves Hongkong	Due London	
"CORFU"	25th September	26th October	
"CHUSAN"	23rd October	23rd November	
"CANTON"	4th November	1st December	
	20th November	21st December	
Accepting cargo for Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Bombay, Aden, Port Said & London			

FREIGHT SERVICE

Outwards			
"SINGAPORE"	Due	For	
	20th September	Japan	
Homewards			
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sails	10th Sept.	from Japan	

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due	7th Sept.	from Karachi, Bombay, Colombo & Singapore	
sails	8th Sept.	for Japan	
"OKILA"			
due	11th Sept.	for Singapore, Colombo, Bombay, Karachi, Kowloon, Khorramshahr, Basrah & other P. O. Gulf Ports via Bombay	
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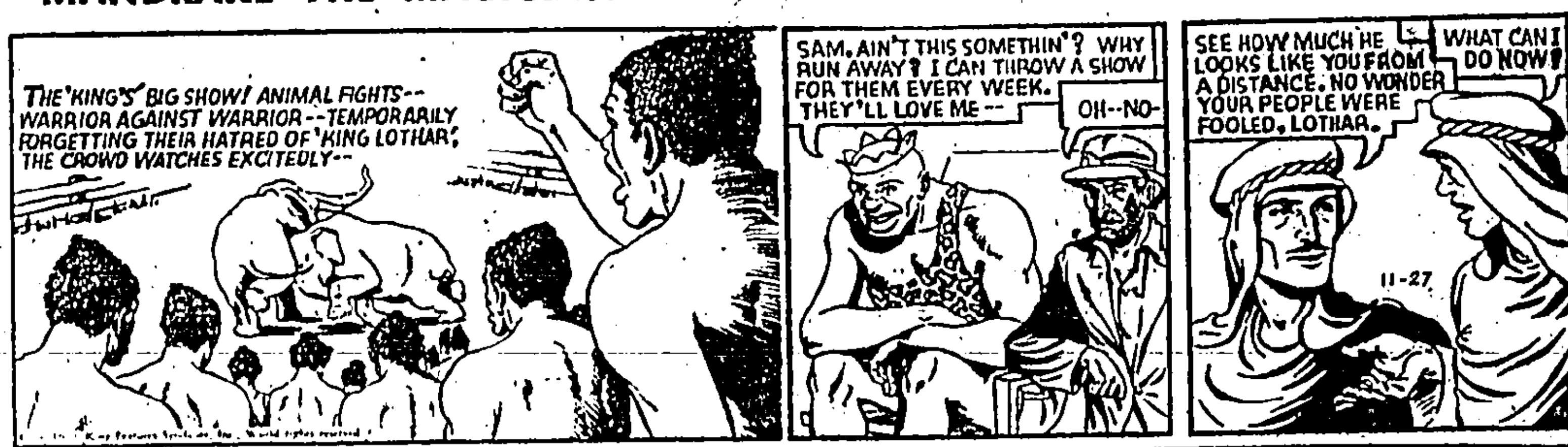
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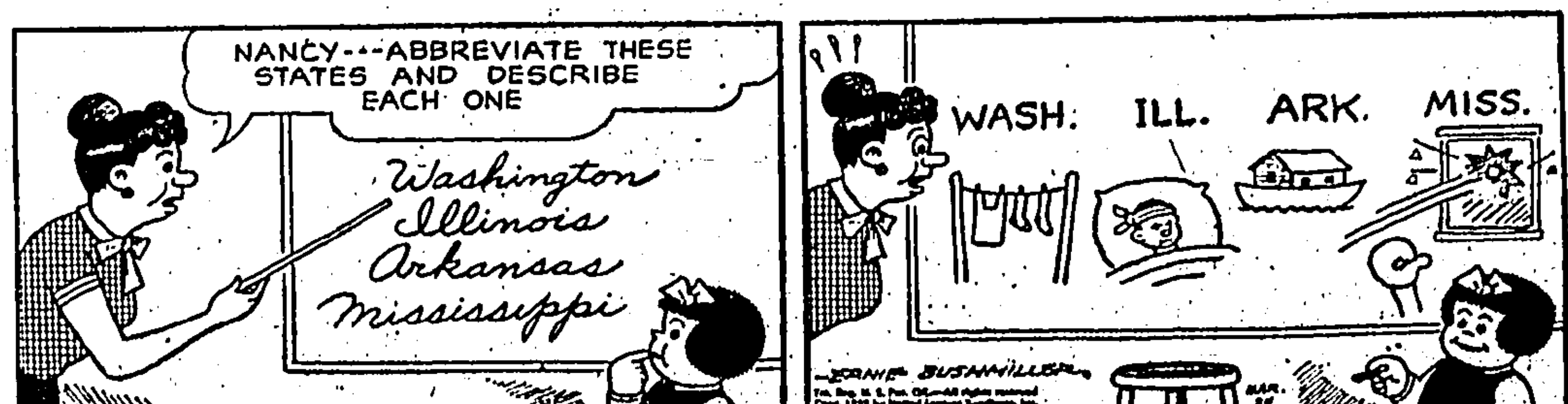
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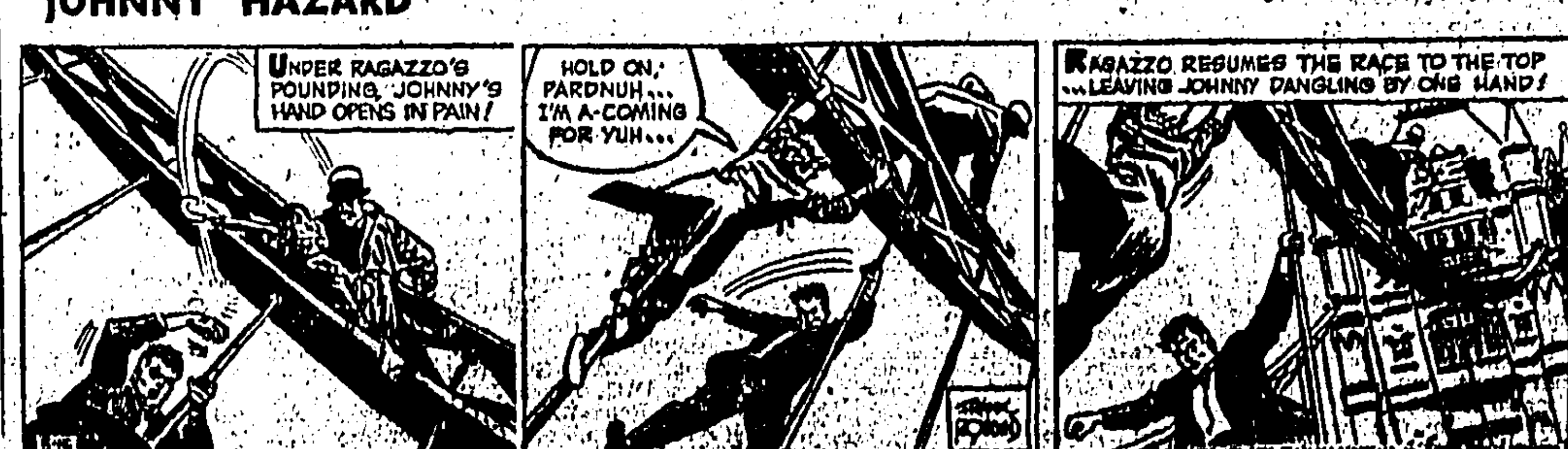
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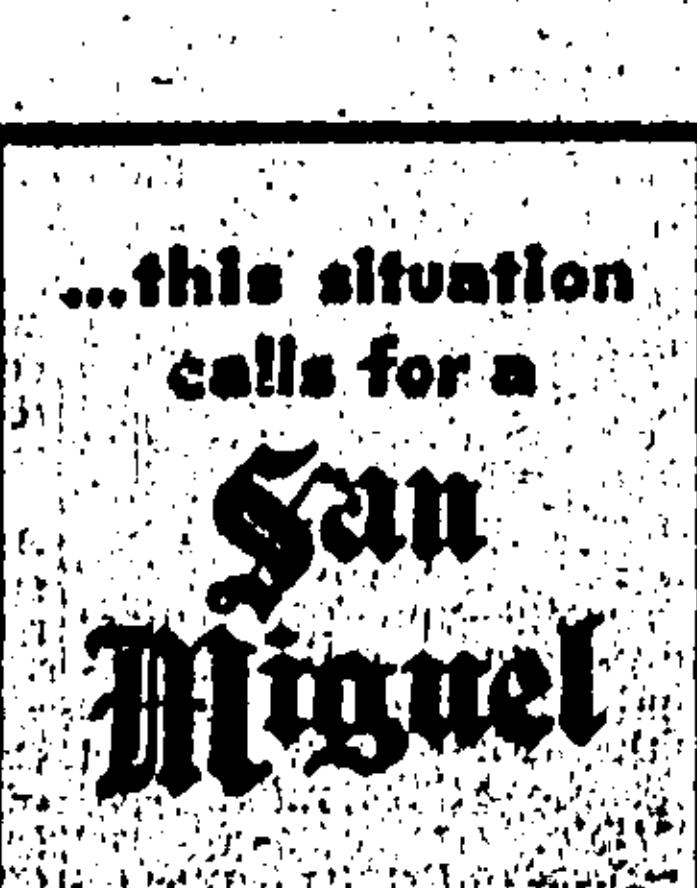
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SMARTIES



...this situation calls for a



Russian Boys Going To Reading

Ten Russian students are going to Reading to help to solve the housing problem. They will live and work for three weeks with 10 British boys of the Quaker movement.

The project, to promote better understanding between the British and Russian people, is part of a scheme by the Quaker Central Committee of Young Friends.

The Russian boys will stay at Leighton Park School, Reading. Most of the time they will help building operations by members of the Reading Family Housing Association. They will lay bricks and dig foundations alongside the British boys.

Reading was chosen for the experiment because of the success of an international gathering of Young Quakers there last year. The committee hope this exchange will be the first of many.

Leighton Park School is helping to provide the 2500 needed to bring the boys from Russia by giving the proceeds of a performance of The Merry Wives of Windsor to the scheme.

Mr John Oundle, headmaster, said: "The Quakers hope their gesture will help to bridge the gap in international relationship with Russia."

The idea for the exchange was that of Mr Frank P. Lees, an Old Leightonian. He is now studying modern languages, including Russian, at Oxford.

Japanese MPs On Brussels Visit

Brussels, Aug. 31. A delegation of six Deputies from the Japanese Lower House of Parliament today visited Belgium's Parliament buildings.

The Deputies, who are on a European tour, arrived from London yesterday. They will go on to Holland tomorrow.

—Reuters.

